

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing paper documents with handwritten notations, comprising:

receiving a plurality of copies of a paper document, wherein each copy of the document comprises a plurality of pages and wherein at least some of the plurality of pages in each copy have handwritten notations thereon;

capturing a first image of a page selected from a first copy in the plurality of copies of the paper document;

detecting whether the first image page contains handwritten notations;

capturing a second image of the page selected from a second copy in the plurality of copies of the paper document;

detecting whether the second image page contains handwritten notations;

generating notation summary information, comprising:

printing the first image only if the first image page contains at least one handwritten notation; and

printing the second image only if the second image page contains at least one handwritten notation.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting whether an image contains handwritten notations comprises using optical character recognition to detect typewritten characters.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising generating location information for the handwritten notation.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising printing the location information.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising storing the location information in a memory.
7. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising superimposing a margin mark onto the first image adjacent to the handwritten notation.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second paper-document copy comprises ~~a copy of the first copy~~ paper-document with additional handwritten notations.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein detecting the additional handwritten notations comprises comparing the first image to the second image.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting whether the first image contains handwritten notations comprises scanning a first copy of the first image, storing the first copy of the first image in a storage device, scanning a second copy of the first image, and comparing the second copy of the first image to the first copy of the first image.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting whether the first image contains handwritten notations comprises detecting color differences in the first image.

13. (Currently Amended) A copying apparatus for documents containing handwritten notations, comprising:

a scanner for capturing images of a page ~~pages~~ from a plurality of drafts of a document; and

a processor configured to determine whether the each captured page contains a new handwritten notation and configured to print the captured image only if the captured image contains at least one new handwritten notation.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the determination is performed using optical character recognition.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to superimpose a margin mark adjacent to the handwritten notation.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to generate notation summary information for the document.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to compare an image of a page from a first draft with the same page from a second draft.

19. (Previously Presented) A photocopier for managing handwritten comments on multiple copies of a document, comprising:

(a) a scanner for capturing a digital images ~~a page from~~ of multiple copies of a document, wherein each copy of the document comprises a plurality of pages and wherein at least some of the plurality of pages in each copy have handwritten notations thereon;

(b) a programmable processor coupled to the scanner; and

(c) a printer coupled to the programmable processor;

wherein the programmable processor is programmed to detect handwritten comments on the least one of the plurality of pages and to selectively:

determine if the handwritten comment is new;

generate notation summary information for the page based on the detection;

superimpose a margin mark adjacent to the handwritten comments; and

print the image ~~of the page~~ only if the page includes at least one handwritten comment.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:
a program configured to perform a method of managing paper documents with
handwritten notations, comprising:

(a) receiving a plurality of copies of a paper document, wherein each copy of the document comprises a plurality of pages and wherein at least some of the plurality of pages in each copy have handwritten notations thereon;

(b) capturing a first image of a page selected from a first copy in the plurality of copies;

(c) detecting whether the first image contains a handwritten notations;

(d) capturing a second image of the page selected from a second copy in the plurality of copies;

(e) detecting whether the second image contains handwritten notations;

(f) generating notation summary information, comprising:

printing the first image only if the first image contains at least one
handwritten notation; and

printing the second image only if the second image contains at least one
handwritten notation; and

a tangible computer readable media bearing the program.